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SUBJECT: CADILLAC GAGE ARMORED CARS FOR GUATEMALA

THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FROM EX-CELL-O CORPORATION'S
SUBSIDIARY, THE CADILLAC-GAGE COMPANY, A REQUEST FOR AN
ADVISORY OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE USG WOULD APPROVE THE
SALE AND EXPORT OF A QUANTITY OF COMMANDO V-150 ARMORED
CARS FOR GUATEMALA. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED THE
V-150 TO PANAMA, BUT NOT ELSEWHERE IN CENTRAL AMERICA.
IN THIS CASE THE COMPANY ADVISES THAT "A SALE IN EXCESS
OF \$7 MILLION COULD RESULT". THIS COSTS OUT TO OVER SIXTY
UNITS, WHICH IF EQUIPPED WITH LARGE BORE WEAPONS WOULD
REPRESENT A FORMIDABLE FORCE.

GIVEN THE SENSITIVITIES WHICH SURROUND SALES OF SUCH
MATERIEL IN THE CONTEXT OF TENSIONS OVER BELIZE, AND
POSSIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS, THE EMBASSY IS
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REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PURPOSE TO WHICH
THE GOG WILL PUT THE V-150'S. FURTHER, INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE CONFIGURATION PLANNED - PARTICULARLY THE
NATURE OF THE ORDNANCE - IS NEEDED.

DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE NO ACTION ON THE EX-CELL-O REQUEST
PENDING RECEIPT OF EMBASSY REPORT. VANCE

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